

# Fund the Fun

A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR EVERYONE!

Dear potential donor,

On behalf of the Grow with Gompers committee, I would like to ask for your financial contribution to the renovation of the aging, unsafe Gompers Park playground on Foster Avenue. The pressure is on for our community to find the remaining \$65,000 necessary to build during the 2011 construction season, and your financial help is critical.

The Chicago Park District is ready to begin renovations this summer. However, they cannot begin without full funding. Your donation is urgently needed to ensure the successful construction of this exciting improvement to our park and neighborhood. Our new capital campaign, "Fund the Fun," is offering special incentives for your financial contribution. A complete list of donor levels is included in your "Fund the Fun" packet, explaining the many great ways in which we can show our appreciation for your support. We are sure there is a level that is right for you. Time is ticking and kids are anxiously waiting to hear if the excavators and other cool construction equipment are on their way to Gompers to build their playground!

Since 2008, the Grow with Gompers committee has actively worked toward building a new playground for our park, organizing creative, community - centered programs and events to raise awareness and funding. Our committee is proud to be part of the North Mayfair Improvement Association, a 501c3 nonprofit organization working to improve our park and neighborhood for since 1929.

Work with us and our partners to "Fund the Fun." A total of \$450,000.00 is required to build the new playground, and over 85% of the funding (\$385,000.00) is all set, with the playground fund missing the final 15% (\$65,000.00), to fill the gap. With so many facilities requiring renovations, the Chicago Park District has generously partnered with park groups to find ways to fund these necessary improvements. Commitments of public funding have already been made by the Chicago Park District, State Representative John D'Amico of the 15th District, and our 39th Ward Alderman, Margaret Laurino, recognizing the importance of this project and the efforts of our community to make it a reality.

Our vision for the playground goes beyond new slides and swings. It will be a dynamic new place for the children to safely play and for our diverse Chicago community to connect. A safe, fun, welcoming, and engaging place for all families to gather, bring their babies to take their first steps, watch toddlers learn to climb, and collectively observe them grow into imaginative children who know one another and play together. Building a playground builds community, and building community can help build other good things for our neighborhood such as safer streets, better schools, increased property value, and a higher quality of life for all to enjoy.

We look forward to working with you make it happen. Take a look at the working design of the playground, a productive and positive collaboration between the community and park district to create the right plan for our park Remember, the Chicago Park District has stated the project will be out to bid for construction, and ready for renovations to begin this July of 2011 - if funding allows!

Consider contributing online through PayPal on [www.gompersparkplayground.org](http://www.gompersparkplayground.org) - it's safe, fast, and easy! Checks can be written to NMIA, with a notation that the donation is for Grow with Gompers, and sent to the NMIA at the P.O. Box below. It is tax deductible, and we will happily provide you with documentation for tax purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or ideas. Our "Fund the Fun" chairperson, Heather Davern, will be thrilled to talk with you. She can be reached at 773 415 8477 or [heather@gompersparkplayground.org](mailto:heather@gompersparkplayground.org). Thanks for your interest and in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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Member, The Grow with Gompers Committee  
A Joint Initiative of  
The North Mayfair Improvement Association  
and Gompers Park Advisory Council



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